

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 40 – SB 46

February 27, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the inclusion of adoption as a positive choice within the family life curriculum for grades 7-12.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (001744): Deletes all language of the original bill. Requires the family life curriculum to include the process of adoption and its benefits. Requires the State Board of Education (SBE), in conjunction with the Department of Education (DOE), to develop guidelines for the inclusion of such information, as appropriate, in kindergarten through 12th grade. Requires the guidelines to be distributed by the DOE to all local education agencies (LEAs) by the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The SBE and DOE will develop and distribute guidelines for the inclusion of adoption and its benefits in the family life curriculum without an increase in personnel or a reduction in their reversion. Distribution may be done electronically.
- LEAs will incorporate information on adoption and its benefits into the family life curriculum without a significant increase in local expenditures through the use of free materials and utilizing the guidelines set forth by the SBE.
- New curriculum will not be developed out-of-cycle to accommodate the inclusion of information about adoption.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeffry A. Spalding".

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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